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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Summary of the NRO Satellite Reconnaissance Program

1. The attached memorandum from Dr. Charyk contains a good description of the present NRO satellite reconnaissance program. The termination of [] described in the last paragraph on the first page is a step in the right direction. We would have some doubt as to the value of the experiment proposed in this paragraph.

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2. The CORONA J system is scheduled to replace the MURAL system in March of 1963. This requires the successful development of the thrust-assisted THOR. Since the basic THOR unit is capable of being employed in its original mode, we will always have sufficient boosters and MURAL cameras to provide a continuing reconnaissance capability until the J and LANYARD systems are operational. The scheduled U. S. production of THOR's is 4 a month of which the NRO will utilize approximately an average of 2 per month.

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